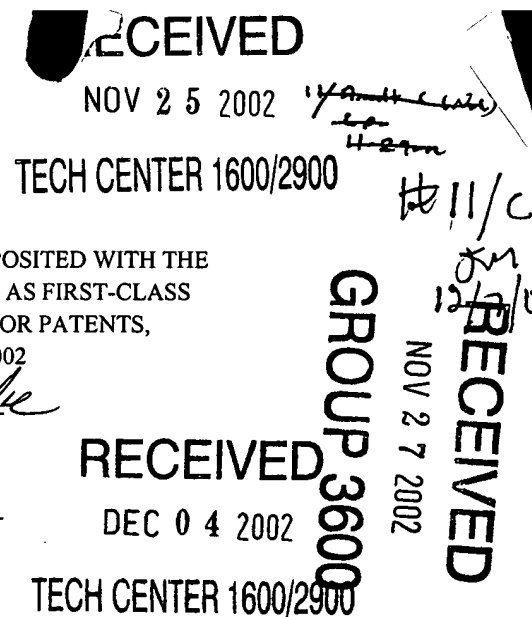


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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Sir:

This Response and Amendment (hereinafter referred to as "Response") is responsive to the Office Communication mailed August 13, 2002 (herein referred to as "Office Action")(Paper Number 10). Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response.

This Response is believed timely filed. Should this Amendment not be considered timely filed, Applicants hereby request a retroactive extension of time to file for the number of months required to maintain pendency of the Application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §1.16 and §1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0258.¹

¹ If an Extension is deemed necessary, please consider this Paper to comprise a Petition for such an Extension.